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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on at Wayfield Park Farm shop on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7:00pm.

Present – Cllr D. Wilson Chairman, Cllr T. Cullen, Cllr D. French, and Cllr M. Saich
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston.
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis
Mid Sussex District Councillor A. Bennett

Minutes

12.22 Apologies for absence were received from Pyecombe Parish Councillor G. Bishop and Mid Sussex District Councillors R. Jackson and C. Trumble.

13.22 Declaration of interest was received from Councillor D. Wilson regarding planning application SDNP/22/00461.

14.22 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2022. Minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

15.22 Mid Sussex District Councillors Alison Bennett updated on the following items:

- Mid Sussex District Council District plan process was put on hold after discussion with MP's and after consideration of several factors such as changing population projections. MSDC and our MP's have written to Michael Gove pointing out that the numbers required by Government, i.e., broadly the extra 7029 houses, are not realistic in terms of population projections and not achievable without causing damage to communities, landscape and ecology. A response is awaited.
- Local boundary changes have been issued.
- Council asked Cllr Bennett for additional enforcement of yellow line parking within the parish.

16.22 West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis updated on the following items:

- Ash trees die back removal has been commenced with further works on Clayton Hill planned shortly. Consideration is now being given to ash trees located on footpaths.
- WSCC Highways budget has been increased. Items to be included in works programme gully cleaning, potholes and resurfacing.
- Cllr Dennis has recently met with Sustrans to review the issues with connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians between Brighton and Hassocks.
- Boundary Commission review underway. Cllr Dennis has highlighted her views.
- WSCC are looking at ways to assist Ukrainian refugees. Placement will need to consider availability of school places.

Cllr Dennis and Cllr Bennett left the meeting at this point.

17.22 Update on Community Projects.
7.1 Children's Play Area. MSDC has now commenced the consultation period which will end on 31st March 2022. For those residents who do not have access to the internet an onsite meeting will take place on Monday 21st March 2022 at 3:30 pm.
7.2 Village Project. This item remains ongoing whilst Council collates quotes.
7.3 Platinum Jubilee. Event information was included in the parish newsletter. Clerk has purchased bunting and balloons. Council resolved to purchase 40 jubilee medals to hand out to children.

18.22 To resolve the following planning matters:

SDNP/22/00765/HOUS 1 School Lane, Pyecombe, BN45 7FQ. Proposal: Erection of new front porch at the property front entrance. Council resolved it has no objections to the application.

SDNP/22/00461/HOUS The Old School House, The Wyshe, Pyecombe, BN45 7FA. Proposal: Replacement of existing two-storey rear extension with associated alterations to fenestration. Council resolved it has no objections to the application.

19.22 Financial Matters
Balance Sheet.
Council resolved the Clerks salary should rise by one level and agreed acceptance of the NALC Salary Award 2021/2022 backdated to 1st April 2021.
Payments raised since last meeting:
£376.57 WSCC Invoice 8001589438
£ 65.28 EDF Energy Invoice 11277834
£376.57 WSCC Invoice 8001595578
£582.19 MSDC Invoice 4101310443
£129.60 Vision ICT Invoice 14371
£ 69.06 D. Langston Expenses

20.22 To confirm date of next meeting as Tuesday 17th May 2022.